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Rev. Jesse Y. Burk.
Sec^y Bd. Trustees, Univ. Pa.

Rev^d & dear Sir,

An earlier answer to your favor of 16^th Inst. was hindered by an urgent press of prior duty.

Not perceiving the special bearing of the questions you propose, I may fail in giving the precise answer you desire to receive.

I take however much pleasure in responding, from my estimate of the value of the subject to the Public at large, derived from long experience, and its reflex value upon the University.

Although not intimately acquainted with Prof Goddard, I may say that the moderate acquaintance I have with him, stamps his intersocial qualities as those of a Gentleman, in the full sense of the word. To judge from my limited semi-official interviews with him, and from a very full report of a lecture by him, which I read carefully, with a view of forming my opinion of his abilities, for

my personal satisfaction, I may say that I think him well adapted to convey the knowledge of applied Chemistry to others. Having never seen him in the Class-room, I can form no opinion on his powers of organization. I am ignorant of the details of his scheme for a Dept. of Applied Chemistry.

I regret that I cannot answer your questions more fully and more specifically than I have done in this note. Since I have had some experience on the subject of Applied Chemistry during the last 50 years, I will answer queries on the subject, directed to me, with pleasure, for the sake of the University of Pa.

Very respectfully yours

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